GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1716
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2004
NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received requests for additional allocation under National Family Benefit Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Details are given in Annexure-I.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development had requested the Planning Commission to take a view regarding appropriate increase in the allocation under National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) to the States requesting for additional funds, as the NSAP consisting of the National Old Age Pension Scheme(NOAPS) and the National Family Benefit Scheme(NFBS) alongwith Annapurna Scheme was transferred to the State Plan with effect from 2002-03. After transfer of the Schemes the total allocation for the transferred Schemes is decided by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has recently enhanced the allocation for the NSAP and Annapurna Scheme by Rs.510 crores for Annual Plan 2004-05 making the total allocation Rs.1189.87 crores for the States/UTs. The details of the states/UTs wise revised combined allocation for three Schemes is given in Annexure-II. As per the Guidelines of the transferred Schemes the States/UTs have the flexibility to utilize the funds on Welfare Schemes of Old Age Pension, Family Benefit or free foodgrains to the aged by taking up one or two or all of the three or in any other combination, in accordance with their own priorities and needs.

Annexure-I

Statement refered to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1716 due for reply on 10-12-2004

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Request for Additional funds under National Family Benefit Scheme
1	Uttaranchal	720.90
2	Kerala	5000.00
3	Madhya Pradesh	600.00
4	Chhattisgarh	722.70
5	Karnataka	470.00
6	West Bengal	2735.70
7	Jharkhand	1500.00
8	Orissa	Amout not specified
9	Maharashtra	Amout not specified